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News items, suggestions for special features, and other copy will be gratefully received by the editor. The generous cooperation of ILA members in response to requests for information and news is much appreciated. This interest and thoughtful comment from the membership is a major contribution to the success of our magazine.

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Report from the President to ILA Members

The coming year could be an important year in several ways. First, there is need to watch the State Legislature because there are threats that library boards may be relieved of their taxing authority. Secondly, if Indiana is finally allowed to have federal funds under the Library Services Act, support must be given to the State Library as they develop plans for the use of these funds. Thirdly, the committee structure of the Association is going to be examined. All of the ILA committees may be profitable but another examination of their functions will be made. Fourth, every effort will be made within the limits imposed by the Constitution to speed the entry of the Small Library Group into the Association as a recognized affiliate.

Anyone who has ideas about the objectives of the Association, I hope, will feel free to write them to me. Let us all work for a good year ahead.

George A. Curtis, President
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FAMILY BOOK FAIR

The first big Family Book Fair in Indianapolis was held at the World War Memorial October 5-9. The event was sponsored by the *Indianapolis News* and the Indianapolis Public Library.

Using the theme, "A World of Books for the Entire Family," there were books on exhibit for the picture book age, youth, teen-agers and adults. This differs from many fairs in the country's large cities which show only children's books.

All books in the Fair's general exhibit were carefully selected by staff members of the Indianapolis Public Library for the quality of the book. Therefore, each book displayed in the exhibit was a recommendation for that particular book.

Auditorium programs were presented throughout the five-day show at scheduled times. Included were fairy tales in dance-time, puppet shows, storytelling, chalk talks, plays and music.

Many special exhibits were arranged in other rooms of the Memorial building including James Whitcomb Riley, Abraham Lincoln, Indiana Authors—1950-1960, Abe Martin, Great Books, Civil War and several commercial firms.

The three days of the Fair which fell on school days were planned for special age groups. During these days teachers brought their classes by the busload. Two groups of junior high pupils from Shelby County came to the Book Fair as an all-day field trip.

The evening and weekend attendance of adults and their families was most encouraging. Visitors to the Fair were given a folder which could be filled out with the titles of "Books I Saw at the Book Fair Which I Would Like to Own." Children, especially, enjoyed this folder which provided a useful list for suggested Christmas gifts.

The *News* estimated that 25,000 persons visited the Fair. The promotion will be repeated next year on October 3-8.

MRS. HAZEL ANDERSON
Treasurer

INDIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

In September Indiana Technical College, Fort Wayne, revealed the receipt of a $50,000 gift from a world-famous industrialist who prefers to remain anonymous. The gift is the first major contribution made toward the College's Library Building Fund and was assigned exclusively to that program by the unnamed giver.

In line with Tech's move toward an intensified program which will keep the College in pace with the rapid changes taking place throughout the whole field of science and engineering, a new library building or enlargement of existing facilities for books and periodicals has a high priority.

Present library holdings amount to approximately 15,000 volumes and the ultimate goal is 50,000 books. Currently the College is allocating a budget of $30,000 for the purchase of new books. This is a 100% increase over the 1959 allotment. Librarian Wirt Fairman anticipates increasing that figure to $40,000 or $50,000 annually within the next five years.

ILA-ILTA Conference Highlights

The 69th annual conference of the Indiana Library Association and Indiana Library Trustees Association met November 3-5 at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis. A total of 522 librarians, trustees and exhibitors registered during the three-day session.

Reference Workshop

Mrs. Edith C. Biddle, West Lafayette, presided at the Reference Round Table Workshop on Thursday morning. Tom Wiles described the teletype system which provides reference service to nine stations of the Public Libraries of Lake County. Dr. Haynes McMullen, Indiana University, reported on the progress of the "Proposed New Union List of Serials for Indiana."

Mrs. Ezelyn S. Johnston, East Chicago, stated that the ALA Reference Services Division is planning a revision of the *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.*

During her comments on "Statistics as a Measure of Reference Service," Mrs. Marjorie Bailey, Evansville, presented three reasons for not keeping statistics: (1) Too time consuming; (2) One can use the time better in service to patrons; and (3) Statistical records are incomplete and therefore not indicative of service. On the same topic, Robert D. Wood, East Chicago, maintained that the primary reason for keeping reference question statistics is to serve as a guide to weaknesses in the book collection.

Mrs. Stella Binkele, Plymouth, distributed a list of reference books which would be useful to a small library. Mrs. Harriet Bard, Richmond, and John Allshouse, South Bend, presented comments on recent outstanding books in the fields of literature and business and technology.

Mrs. Helen Murray, South Bend Public Library, and Alice Rude, Muncie Public Library, were elected chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Reference Round Table for 1960-61.

ILTA Workshop

The president of ILTA, Mrs. Benjamin Saks, welcomed the sixty trustee members and guests who attended the panel program on "Trustee Responsibility" Thursday morning.

Four persons acted as panelists for the first part of the program. Mrs. Robert O. Bertsch, Cambridge City, outlined an extensive orientation for new trustee members to a library board. C. R. Lay, Marion, stressed the need for trustees to be constantly aware of their role as a link between the community and the library staff, as well as salesmen for library service. He also emphasized the importance of using all publicity available to keep the public well informed on the changes within the library and the necessary changes in the tax budget.

V. H. Hebbeler, Huntingburg, cautioned trustees to start on their budget planning early in the year and to use every means possible to prevent cutting the book budget. He stressed the importance of being present when submitting it to the tax board. R. Stan Emerick presented the projects of the Kendallville Public Library by showing how these successful undertakings were developed with the stimulus of their enthusiastic librarian, Lucile Williams.

The second panel of the workshop included Mrs. William Cooper, Auburn; Carl Luginbill, Berne; Edgar Stuntz, Delphi; and Mrs. O. H. McNary, Vevay, who were allowed five minutes each for

questioning the individual members of the presentation panel.

Educational Section

Leon I. Jones, Muncie, Chairman of the Public Library Development Committee, presided at the educational session on Thursday, November 3. The meeting was held in the Travertine Room of the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel and was well attended by librarians and trustees.

The purpose of the session was to acquaint the audience with the status of the library situation in Indiana and its prospects for the future. During September twenty area meetings were held throughout the state. The questions which emanated from these meetings were answered by the four panelists during the two-hour session.

Betty LeBus, Indiana University Law Librarian, presented a clear interpretation of the "Library Law of 1947." George Scott, State Board of Accounts, outlined the procedure for issuing bonds for capital expenditures including library buildings.

Harold F. Brigham, Director, Indiana State Library, received thirty-two questions from the area meetings. Nineteen related to the State Library and the remainder were concerned with the certification of librarians. He answered one question by stating that the role of the State Library is that of any extension agency—primarily a service agency, but it will provide leadership to libraries if requested by them.

John G. Lorenz, Director of the Library Service Bureau, U. S. Office of Education, answered nearly forty questions relating to the Library Services Act. Most of the forty-nine states which have accepted federal aid did not have to adopt new legislation in order to use the funds. It has been found that the best state plans are those developed by state library agencies and library organizations. Over thirty states have developed cooperative processing plans for the ordering, cataloging and preparation of books. Eight states have used federal funds to develop scholarship plans which have produced one hundred librarians. A very important remark by Mr. Lorenz was that a state plan operating under the Library Services Act may be revised or amended at any time, even during a fiscal year.

During the educational session it was announced that the Indiana Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the 1947 library law. [The text of the unanimous opinion will appear in the December issue of *Library Occurrent.*]

Trustees General Session Dinner

During the Thursday evening meeting of the conference Bertha Heller, Decatur, presented the trustee citation to Carl Luginbill, Berne, for his service to the library profession as an able trustee. Mr. Luginbill has served the Berne Public Library for a number of years and was president of the Indiana Library Trustees Association, 1957-59.

The speaker at the dinner meeting was Mrs. Virginia Young of Columbia, Missouri, President of the American Library Trustees Association. Mrs. Young is also a member of the Advisory Commission of the Library Service Bureau, U. S. Office of Education.

She addressed the trustees and librarians on the responsibility of trustees for library improvement in the state. "Trustees' responsibility should be concerned with all libraries and not in terms of a particular library," Mrs. Young stated. In further remarks she declared that the best service of trustees for libraries was to build whether with "brick and mortar," building for better service, or building for higher standards.

Mrs. Young also called on library trustees to keep appropriating and local government bodies informed as to library progress. "The library may seem a small part of the total government service so it is necessary that a dedicated group which considers the library to be impor-

tant to see that the local library has its proper place in the government picture," she expressed.

ILA Business Meeting

Maxine Batman, ILA President, presided at the business meeting Friday morning. Mrs. Hazel Anderson reported a balance of $487.67 in the treasury as of October 31. The membership totaled 760 of which 67 are life members.

Ralph Van Handel, Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, presented the committee's report which recommended several changes in the ILA Constitution and By-Laws. The membership approved the changes after inserting one amendment. Article I, Section 4, of the By-Laws was changed to read, "Non-Professional membership is available to persons not actively engaged as *paid employees* in the library profession but who are interested in library or allied education work on election by the Executive Board and payment of annual dues of $3.00." The adopted changes are on pages 11-12 of this issue.

Alta Parks, Nominating Committee Chairman, read the names of the nominated officers and the membership voted unanimously for their election. The names of the new officers appear on page 15 and inside the front cover.

ILTA Business Meeting

Thirty-five members of ILTA attended the annual business meeting on the morning of November 4. Mrs. Virginia Young, President of the American Library Trustees Association, was present and participated informally whenever she was asked for comments.

James Howe, Gary, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of new officers all of whom were elected unanimously. The 1960-61 officers are Mrs. Benjamin Saks, Gary, President; Hobbs Miller, Seymour, Vice President; Ruth Williamson, Greenfield, Secretary; Mrs. Claude Davis, Corydon, Treasurer; and Carl Luginbill, Berne; Mrs. John Lillich, Columbia City; Mrs. William Cooper, Auburn, Directors.

The group endorsed a resolution read by Mrs. Young to encourage school libraries to assume more of their own and peculiar duties so as to allow the public libraries to work and expend more of their funds and energies to the community. The members also expressed favoritism of a resolution endorsing National Library Week.

Mrs. W. H. Lykins, Covington, was commended for editing *Board Borings*, the news media of ILTA. Mr. Miller was asked to discuss the "grass roots" meetings which were held in September and presented an assessment of their value.

During his report on the legislative program Mr. Miller stressed the necessity of each senator and representative being contacted by the trustees and librarians in their respective areas to make any proposed legislation known. He emphasized that everyone has to exert some effort and not rely solely on the Legislative Committee. It is possible that in many communities individuals will be appointed to be responsible for making contacts with neighboring libraries and boards when important legislation is pending.

Mr. Howe gave his report on the National Assembly and Mrs. Ruth Berg, Munster, Secretary of ALTA, expressed the benefits of membership in the national organization of trustees. It was announced that Mrs. Cooper will represent ILTA on the state National Library Week Committee.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Luginbill read the necrology list and offered a prayer in memory of the departed members.

General Session Luncheon

The noon luncheon on Friday, November 4, was presided over by Mrs. Benjamin Saks, President of ILTA. Professor

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Donald E. Strout, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois, spoke on "Landmarks in Intellectual Freedom, 1955-1960." His talk reviewed the important legal decisions regarding censorship which have been rendered by the courts in recent years.

Education for Librarianship

An hour-long meeting conducted by Ralph Van Handel, Gary, on Friday afternoon was concerned with the future of education for librarianship in Indiana. Harold F. Brigham explained the certification problems that prevail in the state. He stated that there is a need for having library classes taught in localities which are nearer the students who attend evening sessions. If more libraries would provide financial assistance to students attending classes away from home it would be easier for library staff members to meet certification requirements.

Margaret I. Rufsvold, Director, Division of Library Science, Indiana University, told of the undergraduate and graduate programs for library training.

Carolyn I. Whitenack, Assistant Professor, Library and Audio-Visual Education, Purdue University, stated that the University prepares school librarians as directors of instructional centers in schools and prepares students for entrance to graduate library schools.

Children's and Young People's Round Table

The annual business meeting of the Children's and Young People's Round Table was held on Friday afternoon, November 4.

Mrs. Hugh E. Vandivier, Franklin, a member of the ILA Constitution and By-Laws Committee, assisted the organization in a discussion about its affiliation with the parent organization. The members voted to remain a Round Table within the Indiana Library Association.

Under new business it was decided to have a workshop in the spring of 1961. A committee will work out the details of the spring meeting which will be cosponsored by the Division of Library Science, Indiana University, and the Round Table.

Bettie Alice Scherzinger, Mishawaka, was chosen Recorder and Chairman-Elect for the coming year and Mary Jo Klingerman, South Bend, became Chairman of the Round Table.

ILA-ILTA Joint Business Meeting

Gordon Bebeau, Valparaiso, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, presented two proposals of the committee which were acted on favorably by the membership of the two associations. The "Public Property Protection Bill" (formerly titled "Delinquency Bill") will be presented to the 1961 General Assembly. A second bill will request the repeal of Chapter 381, Acts 1959, since this law has served its purpose.

The Legislative Committee also approved the State Library's proposed budget for 1961-63 biennium and asked the membership to support it. Copies of the budget proposal were given to each person at the jonit meeting. James Howe, Gary Public Library trustee, emphasized that individuals should contact their senators and representatives before the General Assembly convenes in January.

Leon Jones, Muncie, Chairman of the Public Library Development Committee, presented a resolution asking "that the State Library Board and the Governor of Indiana be petitioned to take the necessary steps to participate in the Federal program under the Library Services Act for the purpose of strengthening rural libraries and providing the benefits of libraries to areas not now served." The resolution was approved by the librarians and trustees.

Before the meeting adjourned it was announced that the 1961 conference will be held at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis. The executive boards of the two organiza-

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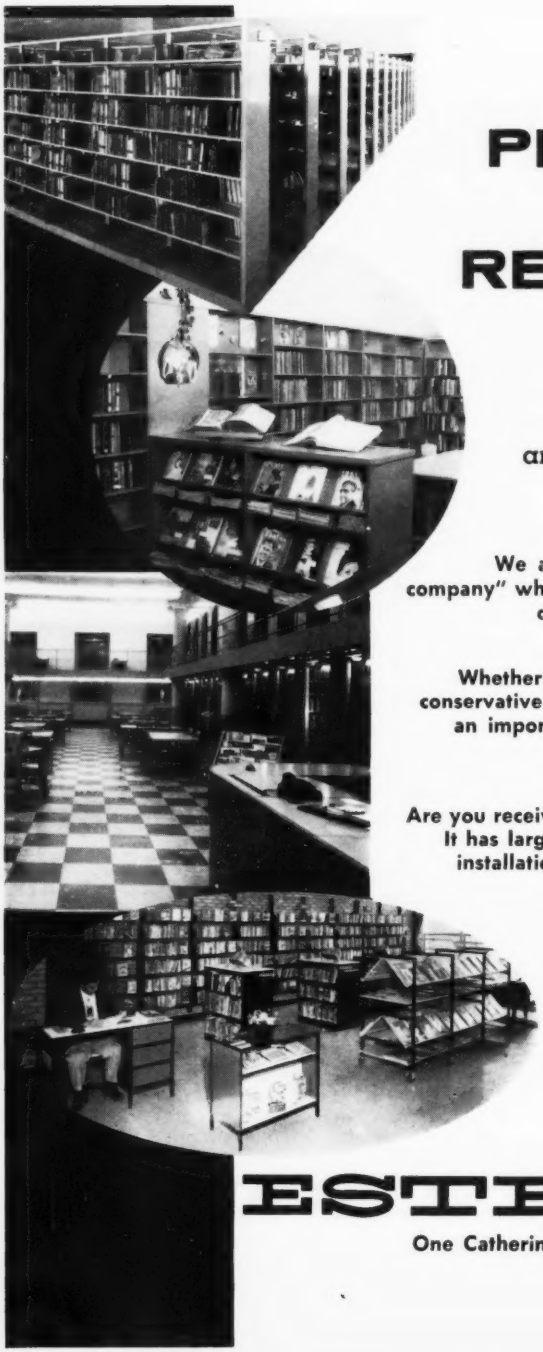

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Six displays erected in the children's room of the Mishawaka Public Library highlighted the September theme of "Meet Our Clubs." This year the children's library is featuring some phase of community life by emphasizing it through reading and related activities.

The Hussey Library in Zionsville received $6,000 from the estate of Frank R. Liebhardt to establish a reading room. The will of Lora Hussey has provided for the library to be housed in one of two homes she owned in Zionsville.

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An order form will be sent to each library. Orders under $4.00 should be sent to Edgar W. Chamberlin, Indiana State Library, who will pool them and send the items to the libraries.

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ILA-ILTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1960
COMMITTEE REPORTS

ILA COMMITTEES
ARCHIVES

Several large boxes of Indiana Library Association Archives were turned over to the Archives Committee during the past year. Included were Association correspondence and committee reports and papers for the years 1955 through 1958; and a few miscellaneous items from previous years. The Archives Committee has sorted and arranged these papers and filed them with the Association Archives in the Indiana Division vault at the State Library.

CAROLYN WENDEL

HAZEL W. HOPPER, *Chairman*

AUDITING

Auditing Committee's Report of the Examination of the Treasurer of the Indiana Library Association, January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959.

We, the auditing committee wish to submit the following report of our examination of the treasurer of the Indiana Library Association, Mrs. Kathryn Nicholas of Scottsburg, Indiana.

The beginning balance of this report is the same as the ending balance of the last report. Records are also in balance at the close of this period.

Receipts, disbursements and bank statement of the treasurer were checked and found to be correct.

Much credit is due the treasurer, Mrs. Nicholas, for the well kept records of the Indiana Library Association of the past two years.

AMY HAMMERSMITH

MRS. MAUDE MCMAHAN, *Chairman*

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
REVISION

The committee makes the following recommendations:

CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE V.

Section 2. Prior to each annual meeting, the Executive Board shall appoint a committee of three on nominations, one of whom shall be the past president, of the preceding year, who shall serve as chairman. If this past president is not available, a person who has served as president of the Association shall serve as chairman.

The committee shall report at the last business session of annual meeting. The secretary of the Indiana Library Association shall be instructed by the Board to mail to the chairman of the nominating committee a list of all living previous officers of the Association and a list of the active membership. *Each year* the nominating committee shall propose the name of one person for each elective office of the Association. *Every fourth year (1961, 1965, etc.), the nominating committee shall propose the name of a person (or persons) to represent the Indiana Library Association in the American Library Association Council. The committee shall have a written agreement to serve if elected from each person so nominated.* The committee shall also receive and report to the Association the names of other candidates proposed in writing by five or more members, provided the consent of the person or persons so nominated accompanies the petition presented by the committee. In case of a contest for any office or offices, the president shall appoint two tellers to conduct the balloting. In the absence of

other nominations, the adoption of the report of the nominating committee shall be considered an election.

ARTICLE VI. *Affiliated Groups*

Section 1. Any group of Association members representing a field of *interest* distinct from that of other groups may apply for official status as a group within the Association by written petition to the Executive Board of the Indiana Library Association, such petition to be signed by one-third of the members eligible for such a group. In exceptional circumstances the Executive Board may approve a group having fewer than one-third of the eligible members. Such a group may adopt its own constitution and by-laws, establish its own board, appoint its own committees, and assess such dues as it may deem necessary to carry out its program and to proomte library service and librarianship within the field of its own special interest, and shall have responsibility for the conduct of its own affairs and the expenditures of its own funds, provided, however, that the Constitution and By-Laws of the group shall be subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and to approval by the Executive Board; and actions taken by the group shall not be contrary to the official actions of the Indiana Library Association.

Section 2. *Any group of Association members representing a field of library activity distinct from that of other groups may apply for official status as a round table within the Association by written petition to the Executive Board of the Indiana Library Association, such petition to be signed by fifteen (15) or more members eligible for such a round table. Round Tables may assess annual dues and may choose officers to serve until the close of the next annual conference.*

Section 3. *Only voting members of this Association may be members of a group or round table organized under these provisions.*

Membership lists of groups and round tables shall be open to the Indiana Library Association Executive Board.

Section 4. *The Executive Board of the Indiana Library Association shall have the power to discontinue a round table when, in its opinion, the usefulness of the Round Table has ceased. The Executive Board of the Indiana Library Association shall have the power to dissolve any group or round table which has failed to comply with the requirements and conditions specified in Article VI, Section 1, and Article VI, Section 3.*

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. *Membership*

Section 4. Non-Professional membership is available to persons not actively *engaged as paid employees in* the library profession but who are interested in library or allied education work on election by the Executive Board and payment of annual dues of $3.00.

Such persons shall be non-voting members and shall not be eligible for membership in any groups or round tables affiliated with this organization.

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MRS. HUGH E. VANDIVIER
RALPH A. VAN HANDEL, *Chairman*

FEDERAL RELATIONS

Although Indiana still remains the only state in the fifty not participating in the program of the Library Services Act, the Federal Relations Committee, as well as ILA officers and other interested members have worked to help keep the program in existence nationally.

An urgent wire on August 18 from the American Library Association's Washington office informed us of the last chance to secure extension of the present Library Services Act. Letters and wires were sent immediately to the eleven Indiana members of the House of Repre-

sentatives asking them to be present and give the bill their favorable consideration. On August 22 the bill passed by a vote of 190-29. On August 26 the full appropriations bill was cleared for the President's signature and on August 31 President Eisenhower signed into law the bill that extends the Act until June 30, 1966. So, we may have another chance!

Another item of special interest this year was the information received that both the Democratic and Republican Platforms now carry planks which specifically mention support for libraries. These pledges are encouraging to all who work to keep the library's importance before the nation as a whole.

MARTHA SAMUELS
KATHERINE MOHLER, *Chairman*

FOCUS

During 1960 two firms added their advertisements to FOCUS and we lost one account. Estey Corporation and Emery-Pratt Company were the additions and Remington Rand withdrew their advertisements in several library periodicals due to a reorganization policy.

An index to FOCUS is being prepared and when completed it should be helpful in locating ILA news since 1947 when the periodical began publication.

The editor's association with FOCUS has been an educational experience and he relinquishes the position with the wish that the new editor will enjoy the challenge.

MARTHA REYNOLDS
MRS. HAZEL ANDERSON
EDGAR W. CHAMBERLIN, *Editor*

IN-SERVICE EDUCATION

The In-Service Education Committee held one meeting during the year. The following recommendations are hereby made following their exploration at and following this meeting:

1. That more articles concerning in-service education activities be submitted to our professional periodicals, with particular emphasis on case study presentations. These would include both successful and unsuccessful programs to show ranges in types and qualities of activities which would, in turn, encourage others to undertake educational projects.
2. That the use of the so-called "Indiana Method" be continued in the organization of all our meetings, where appropriate, and that its extended use be encouraged in other areas. By this time a large number of Hoosier librarians have been trained in the use of this technique; we feel that it has more value than its present use would indicate.

   This method has had and can continue to have particular value for our District and State programs if it is used and its use will mean more active and concerned participation on the part of our membership.
3. That the Institutes which Indiana University has been holding in Library Adult Education be used as the basis of an expanded program to include actual concern with the content of library education. This content should ignore routine library techniques and concentrate on topics such as the place of libraries in our culture, the purposes of librarianship, methods of increasing library effectiveness in achieving the educational goals of our society, etc.
4. We also feel that these Institutes should receive more active participation from the membership and officials of ILA and ILTA; both

organizations should be the organizers and operators of such programs, particularly on the regional or district level.

Teams of interested and competent leaders from within the membership could and should be organized to move into a region on the invitation of that region's constituents and help the local group establish and carry on an institute in any field desired.

5. That the established Library Adult Education Institutes be continued as in the past since they have proved very beneficial but that the Associations participate more actively, particularly in recruitment.

6. That Dr. Robert Smith of the Purdue-Indiana University staff, who has been working with Indiana librarians for several years and has done pioneer work in an area where we are especially weak, be given the most sincere thanks of our Associations in recognition of his outstanding work with us.

7. That more workshops on library routines be actively encouraged in all areas of the state.

8. That an effort be made to get Extension Courses in Library Science offered closer to the homes of librarians who are unable to go to academic centers.

ILA In-Service Education Committee

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CLARA E. STURGIS, Bluffton

JACK CHITWOOD, Indianapolis, *Chairman*

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The committee is pleased to report that to its knowledge there have been no instances of censorship or of curtailment of intellectual freedom of librarians or libraries in Indiana in 1960.

An Intellectual Freedom Folder containing policies of various libraries on censorship and suggestions on combating attempts at curtailment of freedom has been started. Will librarians please assist in making this folder a truly helpful tool in time of need by sending pertinent material to the ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

MRS. SYBIL S. MODGLIN
FRANCES BROOKBANK
ALICE G. FUZY, *Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP

At the district meetings committee members attempted to obtain new or renewal memberships. In the late summer, all libraries in the state with no ILA members were contacted either in person or by letter by committee members in their own district.

A leaflet outlining the purpose of membership in the Association was prepared by the committee.

MARGARET HELFRICK
MRS. MARJORIE MARKWALTER
MRS. ELEANOR MORRIS
MRS. GLADYS ROSE
HARDIN SMITH
LUCILLE WASHBURN
JOAN COLLETT, *Chairman*

NOMINATING

The ILA Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers to be voted on at the annual business meeting in Indianapolis in November:

President — George A. Curtis, LaPorte Public Library

Vice-President and President Elect — Betty Lebus, Law Library, Indiana University

Secretary—Mrs. Eleanor Morris, Cambridge City Public Library

Treasurer—Mrs. Hazel Anderson, Hagerstown-Jefferson Township Public Library

Director-at-large—Ralph A. Van Handel, Gary Public Library

Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee—Nelle McCalla, Indiana State Teachers College

MRS. J. G. CLUTTERBUCK
BERTHA ASHBY
ALTA PARKS, *Chairman*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Helen R. Terry, District II: Each library in District II was sent a letter inquiring as to plans made for National Library Week and the chairman requested that the results of the plans be reported. The answers received may be suggestive and helpful in planning for next year's observance of National Library Week.

Rebecca L. Jones, District III: The questionnaire to librarians of the district asking for an expression of interest in three proposals, namely: cooperative newspaper feature articles, cooperatively sponsored radio, and TV programs. The results of the questionnaire as received in District III will promote further ideas for effective publicity in the district.

Mary A. H. Ahrens, District IV: A circular letter was sent to the librarians in this district suggesting that individual librarians contact some prominent individual, either of the community, or the state, or the nation, asking them for a statement on the subject: "What Reading and Libraries Have Meant to Me." These statements were published in newspapers of Montpelier, Rushville, Fairmount, and in Pendleton.

Mildred Stahl, District VI: A letter announcing the district meeting together with a suggested news release for that meeting was prepared in District VI. District committeemen contacted the Sunday editor of the Indianapolis Times for suggestions for the operation of a press bureau for the November Annual Conference.

George H. Droste, District I: A beginning effort was made to coordinate National Library Week activities in an area-wide citizens' committee known as the Northwest Indiana Committee for National Library Week. The chairman of the committee was able to receive funds from businesses and industry in order to finance the purchase of display material. The libraries of Lowell, Crown Point, Valparaiso, Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting, and the Public Libraries of Lake County were directly involved with the citizens group. A further activity was to solicit the cooperation of the Diocese of Gary in getting each parish within the Diocese to submit a reading list prepared by a committee.

HELEN R. TERRY
REBECCA L. JONES
MARY A. H. AHRENS
MARGARET WONDER
MILDRED STAHL
GEORGE H. DROSTE, *Chairman*

RECRUITMENT

The major effort of the year by the Recruitment Committee was the radio and television project relative to library recruitment. Over forty radio and television stations throughout the state were sent individual letters (no forms) stressing the need for professional librarians. From what I have heard, many of these stations cooperated in the project. Timed spot announcements, and in some cases

for television, signs, were forwarded to each station. Embosograf signs stressing, "LOOK TO THE FUTURE — JOIN THE LIBRARY PROFESSION" were distributed at the Decatur District Meeting. Plans call for many more of these signs being made available for library bulletin boards at the State Conference. Since the year has some time to run, it is possible that a "press release" relative to library recruitment might be forwarded to twenty or twenty-five principal newspapers in the state. I fear the recruiting leaflet, stressing the profession, its role, educational requirements, etc., cannot be made—this idea, however, seems like a worthwhile project for next year's consideration.

ROBERT COWARD
GEORGIA RANKIN COLE
MARGARET QUIVEY
VILA DEUBACH
ROBERT VEGELER, *Chairman*

SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FUND

Balance on hand, Aug. 15, 1959..$3201.02

Receipts:

Staff Associations	135.00
Modern Binding Corp.	100.00
ILA Dues	939.30
Loans repaid with interest	421.63
Bank interest	30.14
Total receipts	$1626.17

Disbursements:

Scholarships	1850.00
Total disbursements	1850.00

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1960....$2977.19

Contributions to the Scholarship and Loan Fund were received from the staff associations of five libraries: Indiana State Library, South Bend Public Library, Purdue University Library, Evansville Public Library, and Gary Public Library.

Summer scholarships of $75.00 each were given to two students at Indiana University, Vince von Stralendorff and Erwin K. Welsch.

Undergraduate scholarships for the 1960-61 school year have been granted to Dolores Tambellini, Ruth Klemm, Gordon Holloway and Mrs. Muriel Doolittle. Graduate scholarships have been granted to Richard Dougherty (from staff association contributions) and John M. Houkes. The name of the recipient of the Modern Binding Corporation Scholarship will be announced at the fall meeting of ILA. Stephanie Umbach was the 1959-60 recipient. This scholarship is now increased to $150.00 The total amount of scholarship aid promised for 1960-61 is $1500.00.

The Executive Board has reduced the amount to be kept as a loan fund from $1500.00 to $1000.00.

RUBY STRICKLER
MARY BISHOP
HAYNES MCMULLEN
MAXINE BATMAN, *ex-officio*
EDNA MILLER, *Chairman*

BUDGET

The ILA Budget Committee met on February 11 and made the following recommendations for budget expenditures during 1960. If budgets are to be meaningful in coming years planning will need to be done at least a year in advance for committee expenditures.

FOCUS	$1000
Stationery	250
Committees	
Legislative	350
Planning	200
Public Library Development	400
Auditing	10

Constitution and By Laws	50
In-Service Education	10
Adult Education Institute	150
District Officers Workshop	350
Nominating	25
Membership	25
Public Relations	75
Recruitment	25
Trustee Citation	50
Services to Older Adults	10
Scholarship and Loan	1000
Executive Board Meetings	750
Miscellaneous	
National Library Week	350
ALA Washington Office	100
ALA Chapter Dues	25
Membership Directory subsidy	75
Treasurer's bond	5
Corporation filing	2
Special Committees	
Budget	50
Financing District Meetings	10
Division of District I and II	10
Total	$5357

Budget Committee
STILLMAN K. TAYLOR
HAROLD F. BRIGHAM
MRS. KATHRYN NICHOLAS
ALTA PARKS, *Chairman*
MAXINE BATMAN, *Ex Officio*

THE DIVISION OF DISTRICTS I AND II

The I.L.A. Committee on the Division of Districts I and II made a study of these two districts. A record was made of the number of libraries and the number of librarians and staff members in each district. This report was presented at the District Meetings of District I and District II, including a possibility of dividing the two districts into three districts, making District I, IA, and II.

A discussion was held at the District Meetings and a vote taken. In order to simplify the questions, the membership was asked whether or not it wanted a small or large meeting.

By a large majority, at both District I and District II Meetings, the group voted to continue the districts as they now are.

We feel that our committee has completed its assigned task and we trust everyone will be happy with large meetings as we all get together, DISTRICTS REMAINING UNCHANGED.

Respectfully submitted,

District II—MRS. F. H. KORSMEYER,
Librarian, Butler
ANDREW J. SLOAN, JR.,
Librarian, Warsaw
District I—HARLEY SPENCER,
Librarian, Mishawaka
MARY A. HOLMES,
Librarian, Logansport, *Chairman*

FINANCING DISTRICT MEETINGS

Herewith is our report based on discussions held at each District Meeting in 1960.

I. Districts should finance own meetings.
II. A registration fee adequate to cover the cost of the meetings should be established in each District.

ISABEL WATT
HELEN GREELY
INA SHAW
ROBERT D. WOOD
MARY GRIGSBY
MARGARET L. DIXON
HAROLD J. SANDER, *Chairman*

LEGISLATIVE

The Delinquency bill which was ve-

toed by the Governor in 1959 will be introduced again in the 1961 session of the legislature under the title, "A Public Property Protection Bill." Because the "delinquency" feature of the bill was the principal reason for its not being enacted into law it is hoped that this change in title will meet with more approval. This bill is presently in the hands of the Legislative Advisory Commission.

The resolution regarding the Public Employees Retirement Fund that was passed at the 1959 conference has been forwarded to the State Budget Committee, but as of this moment no word has been received regarding this committee's probable recommendations. This resolution asked the State Budget Committee to recommend that funds be appropriated sufficient to meet current expenses and to amortize the existing $17,000,000 unfunded liability over a thirty-year period.

The Legislative Committee recommends that the associations try to secure the repeal of section 14C of the Library Law at the 1961 session of the Legislature. This section amends the law so as to allow a town or township in a town-township library district to withdraw from such a merger whenever less than ten percent of the inhabitants of the town or township make use of the library. Because this law was passed in order to bring about a change in a unique situation, and because that change has now been effected repeal appears to be in order. A repeal action probably would not be opposed by the legislator who introduced the amendment.

The future of the Library Services Act is doubtful. Although the Senate bill extending the Act beyond 1961 passed without difficulty the companion bill that was introduced in the House was not reported out by the Rules Committee. Letters and telegrams to this committee failed to move them from their position before Congress adjourned in August.

Mrs. Harriet Bard
Mrs. Lillian Craig
Fred J. Reynolds
Harold Sander
C. Kightly Trippet
Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick
Tom G. Voss
Mrs. William G. Parrish
Mrs. Homer Vawter
Gordon Bebeau, *Chairman*
Mrs. Benjamin Saks, *Pres.* ILTA
Marcelle Foote, ISL
Maxine Batman, *Pres.* ILA

LIBRARY PLANNING

The Committee held two meetings this year.

The "Mutilation Policy Statement" was drafted in its final form and sent to each organization with recommendations to publish it in school and library journals throughout the State.

The demonstration projects—scholarships and in-service education, joint activities on a federated basis, and a cooperative purchasing and processing center—were combined under a general project proposal for the demonstration of library service and presented to the ILA-ILTA Executive Boards. These proposals were prepared in such a form that they could be used in obtaining foundation grants for the improvement of libraries throughout the State of Indiana.

The Union List of Serials for Indiana libraries is under study and the committee's recommendations will not be available until after a survey is completed by the Planning Committee to see whether Indiana libraries need a list of Union Serials.

A subcommittee is working on the feasibility of setting up an Indiana Exchange for Duplicates or little used materials.

Haynes McMullen, Indiana University

Margaret Cooper, Linton Public Library

Margaret Johnson, Carmel Public Library

Carson Bennett, Rose Polytechnic Institute

Mary Evelyn Guinn, Bloomington High School Library

Harold Brigham, Indiana State Library

Georgia Cole, Department of Public Instruction

Carl Luginbill, Berne

Roger Francis, South Bend Public Library

Mrs. Wm. Cooper, Auburn

Mrs. O. H. McNary, Vevay

C. R. Lay, *Chairman*

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

The Public Library Development Committee was given two assignments in 1960 by the joint boards of ILA-ILTA—the preparation of a plan for public library development in the State of Indiana and the more immediate plan of a session of general education and information in the November conference.

The committee has much more work to do in putting more substance and detail in a broad general plan for state-wide public library development. The areas that we are exploring at present are:

- A workshop for librarians and trustees
- Bookmobile demonstration and service through
- Indiana State Library Extension
- Scholarship promotion
- Patterns of Federation and Regional Library Service
- In-service training

The very real possibilities of obtaining funds for these projects through the Library Services Set make it even more essential that these plans be worked out in final form.

The PLD Committee is now involved in setting up stage 1 of an educational program. The state has been broken into 22 small districts, a host library has been tentatively selected, and a leader for each group will be sought. Meetings are to be scheduled between September 19 and October 1, 1960 with the purpose of setting down questions, problems, areas of inquiry that are matters of concern to Indiana librarians and trustees. A recorder appointed by the leader will be expected to send these questions, etc., to the chairman of the PLD Committee, who will in turn make use of them in preparing for the first November session of ILA.

Mrs. Paul Sutherlin

Mrs. Kathryn Harris

Mrs. Ruth Miley

Cleo Rogers

Mrs. Harry Appenzeller

Arthur L. Harshman

Mrs. J. Crawford Polley

John Wilhelm

Mrs. Benjamin Saks

Maxine Batman

Marcelle Foote

Roger Francis

C. R. Lay

Gordon H. Bebeau

Ralph Van Handel

Hobbs Miller

Mrs. Jeanne Stuntz

John Dorf

Fred Reynolds

Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick

V. H. Hebbeler

George Newlin

Leon Jones, *Chairman*

SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS

The Committee in its second year has

liberally interpreted "Services to Older Adults" to include library service to (a) those over 65 years of age who come to the library and those who are homebound (b) those preparing for retirement (c) those working in volunteer and professional organizations on problems and solutions in the field of the aged and aging (d) those associated or personally interested.

The 99 replies to a questionnaire sent out to all public libraries by the previous committee have given a partial picture of activities in the libraries in Indiana. The information has been valuable in assessing the situation for the use of this committee in present and future planning. They have also provided facts and sources of information for the Indiana Commission on the Aged and Aging which in turn will be used in the White House Conference.

An exhibit, with pertinent books and pamphlets on aging, indicating approaches to the problems in Indiana, was presented at each of the District Meetings. A similar display, "After 65-what?" was shown at the Indiana Association of Adult Education. This is available for libraries to borrow.

Information relating to the White House Conference and the Second Governor's Conference on Aging was sent to all public libraries of the state so that the librarians and trustees would be alert to opportunities for service to the community before, during and after the White House Conference.

A small handbook of practical suggestions for librarians and trustees is nearing completion.

Because of the intensity of the program, it is necessary to keep informed of rapid and changing developments at all times. One trustee on the Committee attended the Montreal ALA Conference meeting on Current Programs of Library Service to the Aging and Participation of Libraries in the Preparation for the White House Conference on Aging. The Chairman has attended and participated in the Kirkpatrick Memorial Workshop at Ball State Teachers College; the Michigan University, 13th Annual Workshop; the Second Governor's Conference on Aging; and is a member of the Education Committee of the Indiana Commission on Aging.

The Committee urges an active participation of trustees in this program. They are in a strategic position as they can and should be the liaison between the community and the library. Their contacts are valuable in communicating needs for service to the librarian; and in publicizing service of the library to the community. They can also be effective in improving physical conditions in the buildings and equipment so that senior citizens can use the libraries to better advantage.

The Committee recommends:

1. Continuance of the Committee.
2. Participation of librarians and trustees in local organizations interested in the aging and the aged.
3. Initiation of more projects, demonstrations and special services.
4. Preparation and vigilance to meet the new demands for service to be created by the White House Conference recommendations for action.
5. Imagination and interest in building resources that will enrich the longer lives of today.

JAMES C. HOWE

MARION RASTETTER

HELEN ROGERS

LUCILLE WILLIAMS

FRANCES A. NAKARAI, *Chairman*

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1960 to September 20, 1960

Balance, January 1, 1960		$ 693.70
RECEIPTS		
Dues	$3,014.00	
Focus	633.00	
Conference (1959)	94.17	
Interest of Government Bonds	20.70	
Joining Forces	18.00	
Hoosier Library Directory	180.00	
Total	$3,959.87	
Total Receipts and Balance		$4,653.57
DISBURSEMENTS		
Focus (Printing and Mailing)	$1,226.23	
Stationery, Postage	178.18	
Executive Board	565.25	
Legislative Committee	65.05	
Workshop (Dist. Mt., N.L.W., Adult ed.)	261.89	
Conference (1959-ILTA)	89.65	
Miscellaneous (Ind. Non-Profit corp. report, Treas. Bond, Hossier Dir. & adult ed., A.L.A. Dues, Telephone)	201.13	
Other Committees (Planning, In-Service Budget, Development, Auditing, etc.)	448.22	
Scholarship & Loan	1,017.30	
Total Disbursements	$4,052.90	
Balance as of September 20, 1960		$ 600.67

ASSETS (Government Bonds held at Indiana State Library)

October, 1945	Series G	#C3932924G	$100.00
October, 1945	Series G	#C3932925G	$100.00
August, 1955	Series K	#D222383	$500.00
July, 1956	Series K	#K247700	$500.00

Membership — 1960

Regular members	559
New members	105
Life members	53
Life members (1960)	14
Total	731

HAZEL ANDERSON, *Treasurer*

September 20, 1960

Presidents' Reports

INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

I began this speech in verse. It was to be an Ogden Nash-ery of an ILA year. Time and available intellect took care of that. Then I started a catalog or calendar of the ILA year. Space took care of that. Finally, I did what all the rest of them have done—sensibly—resorted to facts.

In December the ILA Executive Board endorsed ALA efforts to extend the Library Services Act for an additional five years. The Board instructed our ALA Councilor, Roger Francis, to vote in favor of this extension at the ALA mid-winter meeting. Faced with the fact that there was slight possibility of financial aid from federal sources, the Executive Board was cognizant of the fact that there was no positive assurance of aid from state or private sources. Yet as a Board we felt there was need of a cohesive program to better Indiana libraries. The first step, the Executive Board felt, should be an educational program for both librarians and trustees. Too many questions such as, "What is LSA?" "What is the 1947 library law?", and "What is ILTA?" were being asked. On May 17 the joint ILA-ILTA Board wrote and approved the resolution which appeared in FOCUS last August. The joint Boards asked the Public Library Development Committee to work on this program. Leon Jones, the Chairman, was given authority to enlarge his committee using members of the joint Library Planning Committee which already was working on a plan for a demonstration project. The 1959 PLD Survey was studied and discussed. This survey pointed to the need for an educational program. It also exposed the fact that many librarians and trustees wanted library development to take the form of strengthening existing libraries. Program plans had to be simple—there was no money—the best deterrent in the world—there was little time and we had failed when we went too fast. The plan proposed was that outlined in the PLD Committee's report and further enlarged by Mr. Jones in his report at the conference. The twenty-two small meetings and the conference educational session are history. The rest of the plan is up to us.

ILA had brushes with state and would-be state officials during the year. At the signing of the National Library Week proclamation, Governor Handley remarked that he would like to do something for libraries. Would we like him to mention libraries in his January message to the Legislature? There was talk of a Governor's Conference. This was vetoed by the joint Executive Boards.

On July 20 ILA and ILTA representatives interviewed Lt. Governor Crawford Parker about his feelings toward federal aid. The Lt. Governor, while against federal aid as such, would accept it for libraries because it had been legislated by the Congress. Matthew Welsh had been contacted previously and had declared himself in favor of federal aid.

Donald Thompson, Director-at-Large, and Harold Brigham met and talked with Dr. Manning Petillo, trustee of the Lilly Endowment Fund, about the possibility of aid from that source. Of the projects mentioned, Dr. Petillo seemed warm toward a survey of all tax supported libraries in Indiana and toward microfilming. The ILA-ILTA Planning Committee has been asked to prepare a survey plan to present to the Endowment through Dr. Petillo. ISLA has endorsed this survey.

In mid-August ILA, through your president, the Federal Relations Committee and many ILA members, contacted Indiana Representatives in behalf of the Library Services Act which was languishing in the House. On August 22 LSA was extended for another five years by a House vote of 190 to 29. Most Indiana

Representatives responded to ILA with wires and letters; one Congressman thanked us for our telegram opposing the omnibus Social Security Bill!

Mrs. Saks of ILTA and I arranged a meeting with the Small Library Group Executive Board. After much correspondence the meeting took place May 16 at the State Library. Indiana's foot-of-the-class position in library development was commented on and ideas for bettering library service in the state were sought. Mrs. Welsch, President of SLG, wished to see a series of small meetings in the state arranged by the Extension Division of the State Library. Other topics of conversation were the 1947 library law, the library map of Indiana, state conferences, and LSA. Finally it was agreed by all present (Mrs. Welsch, Mrs. Lockwood and Miss Nichols representing SLG; Mrs. Saks, ILTA; Miss Batman, ILA) that an education meeting on Thursday afternoon, November 3, at the annual conference would be a feasible and good thing. The meeting would be for SLG members and its Board and the ILA and ILTA Boards. An agenda was set up. The next morning these plans were cancelled in a letter to Maxine Batman from Mrs. Welsch. The November 3 education meeting at the conference was planned to take the place of the meeting mentioned above.

In addition to the above activities this year, your ILA president and the Executive Board have applauded Mrs. Strieby's efforts toward the 1960 National Library Week; protested the discontinuance of the *CIF Newsletter;* approved the reduction of the loan reserve of the Scholarship and Loan Fund from $1500 to $1000; referred to the Intellectual Freedom Committee a request from the Michigan Library Association about the procedure of libraries under attack; approved the Membership Committee's sample of a folder to be sent to prospective ILA members; appointed Edward Linkhart and Judge James A. Emmert as chairmen for National Library Week; and have enjoyed doing these and many other duties recorded in the minutes.

Your president acknowledges many mistakes. The time lag caused by making committee appointments made the actual ILA work year start about May 1. Your president deplores her inability to plan a workable program for library development. She deplores her lack of knowledge in many library areas. Yet the year has been enjoyable, and grateful thanks are given to the ILA and ILTA Boards, all committees and to the many libraries and individuals who have helped make the year profitable.

A president's word for the future: let us beware of making a plan merely to have a plan; yet let us not forget that time cannot be stayed. "He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils; for time is the greatest innovator."

I hope the incoming President of ILA can report to you next year, "We tailored an Indiana plan for Indiana libraries and it's working."

Maxine Batman
President, 1959-60, ILA

INDIANA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Two new programs were initiated into our trustee work in Indiana this year. To improve communications between trustees, their executive board, and other libraries we launched our own "B. B." — standing, in this instance, for *"Board Borings."* The response has been warm and worthwhile.

Mrs. W. H. Lykins, a past president of ILTA, was gently pressured into being the editor. We all know what a fine job she is doing. The Gary Public Library has graciously typed, copied, stapled and sent to the State Library for addressing 1900 copies of each edition! Such cooperation deserves the deepest thanks from all of us.

Our second project is our Trustees' Workshop, the first to be held in conjunction with our annual Conference. Patterned after the Pre-Conference Workshop for Trustees during the ALA Conference, it will, we hope, bring a sense of urgency and importance to the person of each trustee attending.

It is through the exchange of ideas, plans and programs that we learn to adapt this new knowledge to our own situation. Both of our new programs need and deserve the support of all trustees. Keep us aware of your own interests and problems so that each library board may help the other.

Our year of work has centered on improved library service for all. With the passage of the new Library Services Act it is hoped that Indiana may bring new and better service to many areas of the state.

Our joint committees have done yeoman service in formulating plans for needed library legislation and for implementing improved service. The chairmen and members deserve a vote of thanks for their hard work. This year, in particular, trustees have taken an active part in the committee deliberations. I mention now that it would be to the advantage of library service if the trustees on the joint committees would be willing to serve another year in their capacities.

There is still the need for all librarians and trustees to come to a meeting of the minds as to what is best for library service in our state. When we have, once and for all, settled on the principle that we are working for the good of all libraries, then we can make giant strides. A civic leader once said, "Make no *little* plans—they have no magic to stir men's blood" — and, to my mind, it's never been said better, except to be shortened to, "Think big."

The Executive Board of ILTA, composed of Mrs. W. H. Lykins of Covington, Mrs. Claude Davis of Corydon, Mrs. John Lillich of Columbia City; Ruth Williamson of Greenfield; Hobbs Miller of Seymour and Carl Luginbill of Berne, has been a joy with whom to work. They have attended meetings regularly and have assumed commitments above and beyond the call of duty. To them and to Maxine Batman, President of ILA, and her executive board, my deep thanks—and to you—the trustees of Indiana libraries—my sincerest wishes for an outstanding year to come—and my gratitude for allowing me to serve you.

Mrs. Benjamin Saks
President, ILTA

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tions will investigate the possibility of having the 1962 conference in conjunction with a library group from a neighboring state.

Small Library Group

Mrs. Emil F. Welsch, Wolcott trustee, presided at the meeting of the Indiana Small Library Group on November 4.

New officers elected for the current year are Mrs. Elizabeth Sutherlin, Roachdale, President; Mrs. Lillian Craig, Thorntown, Vice President; Mrs. Lena Holtsclaw, Spiceland, Secretary; and Mrs. Mildred Stahl, Greenwood, Treasurer.

The group will be affiliated with the Indiana Library Association according to the provisions of the latter's constitution and by-laws.

General Session Banquet

During the general session banquet on November 4 Mary Holmes, Logansport Public Library, received the Librarian Award from Rudy Tuttle, Gary, who represented the ILTA. Mrs. Irene Strieby was honored with a citation from the National Book Committee for work as Executive Director of National Library Week for Indiana in 1960.

"Yourself and Reading" was the title of the talk given by John T. Frederick, Head of the English Department, University of Notre Dame. He emphasized the importance of "experiential" reading by explaining that "it includes not only the story, the novel, the poem, but all books that yield to us not merely facts or techniques or methods, but experience."

Saturday Session

The Children's and Young People's Round Table and the Indiana School Librarians Association were in charge of the general session on November 5. Annabel McKinney, Hammond Public Library, was chairman of the program and Carolyn I. Whitenack, President, ISLA, was moderator of the panel which discussed "Book Reviewing Policies and Procedure."

Barbara J. Duree, staff member of *Booklist and Subscription Books Bulletin;* Mrs. Zena Bailey, Editor of the *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books;* and Anne Hopman, representing the National Council of Teachers of English which publishes *Adventuring With Books,* explained the background and procedure of their respective publications.

Questions were asked of the three panel members by Margaret Kattenhenry, Huntington High School; Mary Jo Klingerman, South Bend Public Library; and Pauline Houck, McClelland School, Indianapolis, who were interrogators.

Final General Session

Maxine Batman, retiring President of the Indiana Library Association, presided at the final meeting of the 69th conference at noon on November 5.

Cyril O. Houle, Department of Education, University of Chicago, spoke on "The Inquiring Mind." Mr. Houle told of his interest in measuring the learning process of adults beyond academic training. He has looked at biographies and history, both of which describe the learning of people. In his collection of twenty-two taped biographies he was surprised that most of the persons he interviewed have been influenced in continued learning by their library contacts rather than by their teachers in schools.

George A. Curtis, La Porte Public Library, assumed the presidency of the Indiana Library Association when Miss Batman presented the gavel to him at the close of the successful conference.

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